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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Please amend this application as follows:

THE SPECIFICATION:

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## IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (amended) A pharmaceutical composition containing,

as active ingredient, at least one NO synthase inhibitory substance

and at least one metabolic antioxidant substance possessing a least two thiol groups and which intervene(s) in the redox status

a pharmaceutically acceptable (optionally) of thiol groups, and